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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices for next week are trending unchanged to higher, mostly higher. Trade sentiment was steady to firm, mostly fully steady to firm. Retail demand was light to moderate, best for features. Food service had shown some improvement ranging moderate to good. In the Northeast, schedules were altered and transportation problems occurred due to a severe snowstorm; however, movement was still capable of keeping product in good balance to well cleared. In the remaining areas, supplies were usually sufficient. In the parts structure, boneless skinless breasts were at least adequate with other breast items balanced to well cleared. Bone-in breasts and wings were no more than adequate with good movement, and all other parts were generally adequate with fair interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, mostly desirable to light.

**Preliminary report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 02/26-03/03/01 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
	(Including branded product) Delivered to First Receivers			
Chicago	50.00-54.00	50.00-64.75	53.12	25
Los Angeles	67.00			
New York	55.00-57.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	62.00-63.50	47.00-65.00	62.42	79

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 61.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
610	57.45-62.75	61.54
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	145.00	4,640
BREASTS - WHOLE	75.00	1,080
THIGH MEAT - B/S	93.50	750
LEG QUARTERS	23.00	8,283
WINGS	88.00	2,896

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**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into Chicago were higher. Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady to occasionally fully steady. Offerings of additional product were limited for the light to moderate market activity. Movement into the retail sector was light to fair with features drawing best interest. Demand into food service accounts improved, light to fairly good with fast food promotions stimulating interest. Floor stocks were mixed, mostly balanced. Sizes were generally desirable. In the parts complex, buyers generally content with regular commitments with wings continuing to receive a good call. Supplies were in close balance on wings and whole breasts, balance of items adequate or available. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, fully steady on bone-in breasts and about steady on all other items.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally moderate entering the weekend. Supplies of all sizes were no more than adequate to well balanced, in addition, the lighter birds were often in the closer position. Movement into retail and distributive channels ranged fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to at times firm. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were no more than adequate to closely balanced, but boneless-skinless breasts remained at least adequate to available at times. Wings were clearing well, and dark meat parts were sufficient.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices unchanged. Trading for next week's deliveries were at unchanged prices on regular commitments and higher on new negotiations. The market tone was fully steady. Offerings adequate for current needs. Buyers were selective with interest moderate at best. Demand by restaurants moderate, stores fairly good where featured otherwise only fair. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 69-89 and buy one get one free, whole cut-up 98-119, drumsticks 49-149, thighs 63-149, wings 98-149, whole legs 149, split breasts 98-99, boneless breasts 177-499, boneless thigh meat 139, boneless leg meat 118, game hens 98; Northern California - whole body 89, roasters 99, leg quarters 10# bag 699, boneless breasts IQF 4# 1099; Denver - whole body 89, roasters 139 buy one get one free, split breasts 99, boneless breasts 99; Arizona - leg quarters 79-89 (10# bag 390), boneless thighs 259 (IQF 4# 599), boneless breasts 179-419 (IQF 4# 799).

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to fairly good with active trading, best for ads and promotions. Supplies were well cleared to sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, wings were close balanced to tight with high interest. Breast items were barely adequate to adequate and clearing, and dark meat was usually balanced with fair movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to light.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Despite a snowstorm that hampered operations and disrupted trucking at both shipping and receiving terminals, movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained sufficient in keeping offerings in good balance to well cleared. Live supplies were moderate to light; weights varied in the full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were being affected at some plants by adverse weather and were generally light to moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 58 to 72 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Boneless skinless breasts were at least adequate. Other cuts were well balanced to closely cleared.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	53-69
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	60.97
NO. OF BOXES	11,540
CUMULATIVE	02/19/01-02/23/01 59.05
	02/21/00-02/25/00 49.03
NO. OF BOXES	02/19/01-02/23/01 50,016
	02/21/00-02/25/00 31,677

\*7 of 8 plants reporting.

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**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

FEBRUARY 23, 2001

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	WEEKLY (000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	916	120.00-205.00	140-150	147.73	776	120.00-205.00	140-150	145.55	3,465	145.47	
TENDERLOINS	180	135.00-205.00	140-145	146.11	60	135.00-205.00	140-145	158.33	620	147.10	
BREAST - LINE RUN	90	75.00-79.00	76-78	75.25	89	75.00-76.00	-	75.20	359	75.66	
FRONT HALVES	70	74.00-79.00	-	76.50	75	73.00-78.00	-	75.67	360	74.84	
LEGS	126	30.00-40.00	30-31	30.48	106	30.00-40.00	30-31	30.57	454	30.49	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	386	16.50-20.00	18-19	17.38	314	16.50-19.50	17-18	17.96	1,478	17.95	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,615	18.50-24.00	21-23	21.67	1,775	18.50-24.00	21-23	21.99	6,540	21.89	
WINGS (WHOLE)	290	87.00-89.00	-	87.01	TOO FEW TO REPORT				1,547	86.55	
WINGS (CUT)	564	94.00-117.00	100-102	103.07	597	87.00-118.00	99-101	104.04	2,261	102.32	
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				TFEWR		
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				TFEWR		
B/S THIGHS	108	82.00-93.00	-	88.44	108	81.00-93.00	-	88.07	422	86.34	
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS						
TRADING FOR FEB 22, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR FEB 23, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.						
	<u>RANGE</u>		<u>TODAY'S AVERAGE</u>			<u>RANGE</u>		<u>TODAY'S AVERAGE</u>		<u>5-DAY AVERAGE</u>	
	45.25 - 49.50		46.94			44.75 - 48.75		46.82		46.49	

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying increased entering the weekend, but was generally moderate and rated as typical of end of the week trading. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were at least adequate to available. Bone-in breasts remained no more than adequate to closely cleared as attractive feature activity continued to siphon product through retail channels. Wings were no more than adequate. Dark meat parts were at least sufficient, however, drumsticks were often in the better balanced position. Movement through retail and distributive channels was mostly fair to instances fairly good. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on bone-in breasts and wings, at least steady on the balance. ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO 1ST RCVRS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT FEB 23

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WEEKLY WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135	135.70	605,870	135136.91	563,680	135.76	2,619,850	
TENDERLOINS	130-135	133.62	101,800	130-135135.10	86,640	133.29	459,869	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	69-70	76.04	262,040	70-7175.73	248,120	75.75	1,150,480	
BREAST - LINE RUN	69	72.55	153,800	7073.02	186,400	72.76	932,200	
LEGS	32-33	36.42	218,840	32-3335.37	274,280	35.58	1,106,160	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	20.47	436,130	20-2121.89	572,154	20.61	2,488,691	
DRUMSTICKS	27-28	34.99	125,560	28-2933.98	157,560	34.24	655,040	
THIGHS	29-30	32.18	225,690	29-3033.29	135,200	32.05	735,380	
B/S THIGHS	88-89	92.64	38,000	89-9092.04	65,000	90.57	217,710	
WINGS (WHOLE)	82-83	91.13	349,020	83-8492.74	327,440	91.10	1,529,040	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.24	71,920	10-1212.02	76,280	12.09	286,120	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.60	45,080	30-3534.58	61,400	33.96	214,385	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.92	69,920	40-4544.97	89,880	44.90	318,350	

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL WTS
02/23 02/22	02/21 02/20	02/21 02/20	02/21 02/20	02/21 02/20
ALA	3,924 3,775	3,484 3,868	5.05 5.02	3,760 5.01
ARK	4,098 4,945	5,136 5,467	4.85 4.82	4,563 4.86
DELMARVA	2,094 2,266	2,264 2,298	4.85 4.87	2,562 4.98
KY-LA-TN	1,990 1,911	1,842 1,934	4.53 4.52	1,949 4.53
MISS	2,488 2,765	2,387 2,759	5.04 4.96	2,722 4.95
NC	2,576 2,566	2,493 2,532	5.73 5.78	2,830 5.74
TEXAS	2,321 2,319	2,219 2,146	4.84 4.93	2,299 4.87
TOTAL	19,491 20,547	19,825 21,004	4.99 4.98	20,685 4.99
MON-FRI	99,867(A)			101,571(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 23 & 24-Feb-01 is estimated to be 29,161,000 down 6.45 percent from a week ago and down 6.1 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 31,045,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 24-Feb-01 is estimated to be 145,499,000 head down 3.4 percent from a week ago, and down 4.4 percent from a year ago (Last week 150,590,000 Last year 152,233,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	82-85
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	81
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 108
	ICE PACK 93-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 104-111
	DRY PACK 116
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 93
	DRY PACK 91
DUCKS	152-172

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending Feb 10, 2001 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning  
Food service  
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up

	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	35,049	21,803	46,960
Avg Weight	3.91	4.79	5.99
% of total /1	34%	21%	45%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	33,818	29,037	44,630
Avg Weight	3.77	4.86	6.11
% of total /1	31%	27%	42%
Same week, yr ago /2	40,315	28,901	39,719
Avg Weight	3.82	4.78	6.19
% of total /1	37%	27%	36%
To date/2001	200,068	155,912	270,761
To date/2000	197,071	178,945	246,307

1/ May not total to 100% due to rounding.

2/ Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

#### **LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 17-Feb-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	150,590 (A)	1,585	1,487	3,072	463
AVG WT	4.97	3.36	7.90	5.55	6.70
LAST WEEK	152,518	1,956	1,346	3,302	532
SAME WK YR AGO	155,193	1,986	1,335	3,321	429
AVG WT	5.10	3.38	7.77	5.14	6.27
TO-DATE/2001	1,043,702	12,634	8,884	21,518	3,382
TO-DATE/2000	1,076,285	14,229	9,301	23,530	3,333

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 148.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 152.4 million head or 3.6 million head more than or 102 percent of estimated fryers available.

#### **EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: FEB 20, 2001**

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.68 - .74	Silkie	4.00 - 6.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.64 - .82	Geese 9-14 LBS	.30 - .42
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.50 - .64	Pigeons	2.25 - 3.00ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.60 - .94	White Pigeons	2.75 - 3.25ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.70 - .98	Rabbits	
Crossbred Roasters		4-6 LBS	1.10 - 1.44
4-6 LBS	.60 - 1.42	Rabbits	
Crossbred Roasters		7-11 LBS	1.10 - 1.30
7-11 LBS	.60 - .98	Bunnies	2.00 - 8.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	2.10 - 2.60	Guinea Pigs	.75 - 4.50ea.
Banty Roasters	2.50 - 6.00ea.	Kid Goats	25.00 - 40.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.50 - 4.00ea.	Doves	3.50 - 5.00ea.
Leghorn Hens	.20 - .34	Pullets 4-6 LBS	.60 - .84
Leghorn Roasters	.48 - .54		
Total Coops Sold 628			

#### **EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 19-FEB-2001

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	122-126	123-127
MOSTLY	122-124	123-125

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

RANGE	MOSTLY	
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	62-64	63-64
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	60-83	65-75

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was light to fairly good. Sizes were in the mostly desirable to instances light range. Slaughter schedules were part to full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$5.00-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.38, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, livers at \$.50-1.50, and feet at \$.90-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 19-FEB-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	121-123	124
MOSTLY		

#### **ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
JANUARY	13 159.1	147.6	108	5.09
	20 151.7	151.9	100	5.07
	27 158.7	152.3	104	4.97
FEBRUARY	3 151.7	152.7	99	4.89
	10 154.4	149.5	103	5.12
	17 152.4	148.8	102	4.97
YEAR TO DATE	1056.4	1042.2	101	
FEBRUARY	24 151.6			
MARCH	3 151.3			

#### **BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	02/24/01	02/17/01	% CHG	02/26/00	% CHG
Broilers	145,499	150,590*	-03	152,233*	-04
Cattle	628	638	-02	673*	-07
Hogs	1,876	1,956	-04	1,902*	-01
Under Federal Inspection					
* ACTUAL					

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL** Prices were usually unchanged on light canners and unchanged to slightly lower on heavies when compared to a week earlier. Trading was very light for a demand that ranged from fair to good. Offerings were irregular with floor stocks clearing. Undertone was unsettled to about steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
22-24 MAJORITY	35-36 MAJORITY

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
25-26 MAJORITY	37-38.5 MAJORITY

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Demand was fair for offerings that were adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. Processing schedules were generally normal. Interest for finished product was clearing available supplies. The undertone was no better than steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were mixed. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices remain unchanged. Offerings were more than ample for the light demand. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

#### **LIVE HENS**

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0	(1)
Eastern Light	0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0	(2)
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Offerings were sufficient for processors needs. Processing schedules were generally normal. Demand was light to moderately good. The undertone was steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate supplies of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants worked desired schedules. Offerings generally ample.

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